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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S DECLARATION ANNOUNCING THE RELEASE OF 17 POLITICAL DETAINEES:

-I WILL SIGN TODAY THE DECREE WHICH WILL PERMIT ALL OF THE POLITICAL DETAINEES-THERE ARE 17-TO RECOVER THEIR LIBERTY. THEY WILL BE FREE TO GO WHEREVER THEY WISH, EVEN OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL TERRITORY.

-CONTRARY TO WHAT RADIO CANCAN SAYS (IE CONTRARY TO RUMORS) NONE OF THEM HAVE ASKED FOR PARDON AND I HAVE PUT NO CONDITION ON THE PARDONS WHICH I HAVE ACCORDED. THERE HAVE BEEN THEREFORE NEITHER DISCUSSIONS NOR
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-I MUST ALSO MAKE THIS CLEAR. INSOFAR AS PARDONS
ARE CONCERNED, I HAVE NEVER PLACED MYSELF AT THE LEVEL
OF POLITICIANS POLICY, BUT OF NATIONAL POLICY. IT HAS
BEEN A QUESTION OF, AND IS A QUESTION OF, ON THE MORROW
OR OUR INDEPENDENCE, DEVELOPING IN OUR COUNTRY, OF
COURSE AND FIRST, AN AFRICAN DEMOCRACY, BUT ALSO A MODERN
DEMOCRACY. NOW IN A MODERN DEMOCRACY THE CHIEF OF STATE
MAY ALWAYS GRANT AMNESTY, AT AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT, TO
EVERY POLITICAL DETAINEE TO PERMIT HIM TO REMAKE HIS LIFE
IN THE BOSOM OF THE NATION.

IT HAS BEEN MANY YEARS, AS YOU KNOW, SINCE I BEGAN
THE PROCESS WHICH HAS CULMINATED IN THESE LATEST PARDONS.
FOR THIS, I HAVE ALWAYS CHOSEN THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL
DAY. THIS PROCESS WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE RAPID IF
EXTRA-AFRICAN PRESSURES HAD NOT BEEN ATTEMPTED AGAINST US.
SUCH PRESSURES WERE INTOLERABLE, AND I DID NOT TOLERATE
THEM, SINCE THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE ON WHICH THE
SENEGALESE STATE REPOSES IS TO THINK AND ACT BY OURSELVES-
FREELY.

2. LIST OF DETAINEES RELEASED BEING SENT SEPTEL.
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